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SUBJECT: STATEMENT ON LEBANESE SITUATION

REF: JAKARTA 04442

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT ON LEBANON ISSUED BY
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN MARCH 29.

2. BEGIN TEXT: NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON
LEBANON. THE SITUATION IN LEBANON HAS BECOME MORE ACUTE
DURING THE PAST WEEK AND WE WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THE UNITED
STATES' POSITION CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTS THERE. WE BELIEVE
THAT A RESOLUTION OF THE LEBANESE CRISIS CAN ONLY COME WITH
AGREEMENT AMONG THE LEBANESE ON A BASIC POLITICAL SOLUTION
THAT GIVES ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY AND SECURITY TO ALL GROUPS
AND COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTRY. THE POLITICAL COMPROMISE
WORKED OUT WITH CONSTRUCTIVE SYRIAN ASSISTANCE IN CONNEC-
TION WITH THE JANUARY 22ND CEASEFIRE APPEARS TO US TO
PROVIDE A FAIR BASIS FOR SUCH A SOLUTION.

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IT APPEARS TO US, MOREOVER, THAT A CEASEFIRE AND AN ORDERLY
AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL
QUESTION ARE NECESSARY IF PROGRESS IS TO BE MADE ON THE
MORE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES.

WE BELIEVE THAT MILITARY INTERVENTION BY ANY OUTSIDE
PARTY CONTAINS GREAT DANGERS AND MUST BE AVOIDED. THE
UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO HELP ALL THE PARTIES TOWARD
A POLITICAL SOLUTION ON THE BASIS OF THESE PRINCIPLES. KISSINGER

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